

## **Summary**

This bachelor's thesis focuses on social work with a troubled family member. In this particular case, it looks at living with a substance abuser. The situation lasted a very long twelve years; at this time, the man in question is trying to remain abstinent.

The theoretical section of the thesis explains the basic terms associated primarily with social work, the family, and drug dependency as well as other information that is relevant to the selected topic.

The practical section of the thesis consists of a case study of the aforementioned substance abuser, supplemented by an interview with his younger brother.

The primary objective of this thesis is to prove the important role the family plays when one of its members is trying to remain abstinent. The secondary objective is to show how the drug addiction of one family member can disrupt the organisation of the overall family system. Both of these defined objectives have been achieved.